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Analysis of Industrial Employment by County

With information gathered from the 2008 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory and the 2008 Harris Services Directory, the largest employers were identified in each county. Then the employment numbers were tracked over the last five years. With that information we identified what type of manufacturing was largest in each county and the employment levels of that industry. If a county had other large employers other than in the manufacturing industry, those employers were also identified.

CRAWFORD

According to the 2000 Census data, the largest industrial employment in Crawford County is in the manufacturing sector. Over the last five years the biggest manufacturing employers in the county have been Mulzer Crushed Stone Inc. and Jasper Engines and Transmissions, Inc.

Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc., was established in 1945, and manufactures riprap, crushed stone, agricultural lime, sand & gravel construction materials. Its employment for 2008 is 168 up from 143 in 2003.

Jasper Engines and Transmissions Inc., was established in 1997. It manufacture drive trains, engines and transmissions. Disassembly and cleaning is the primary function at this industry. The employment at the Leavenworth plant has decreased from 300 in 2003 to 100 in 2008.

Marengo Warehouse and Distribution Center, is also a substantial employer in Crawford County. The Marengo Warehouse and Distribution Center employs 42 employees.

DUBOIS

Thirty-seven and a half percent of Dubois County's employment is in the manufacturing sector, with a high volume of the manufacturing being in the wood working manufacturing industry. There are five industries located in Dubois County that employ over 850 employees, and four of the five are in the wood or furniture-manufacturing sector.

Kimball International, Inc. is the largest employer in the county, employing approximately 2,000 people. Kimball was established in 1950 and produces a number of products. Originally it focused on furniture and piano's. In 1974, it expanded to fully upholstered home and office furniture only. In 1961, it started manufacturing printed circuit boards and electronic assemblies along with other electronic products on a contract basis. The employment of Kimball has decreased from 2,275 employees in 2003 to 2,055 employees in 2008.

Masterbrand Cabinets, Inc., (formerly Aristokraft Inc.) was established in 1968 and is the second largest employer in the county. It manufactures wooden & laminated kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Masterbrand Cabinets currently employs approximately 1,110 employees which is up from 894 in the year 2003. The company is experiencing an increase in sales due to increase orders demand, due to the damage caused by resent flooding across the US.

Jasper Engines & Transmissions Inc., is the third largest employer in the county. This company was established in 1942. It remanufacture imported and domestic gas and diesel engines and transmissions, differential and rear axle assemblies, stem drives, alternate fuel engines and performance products. Employment has significantly decreased at the Jasper plant from 1,500 in 2003 to 900 in 2008.

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Jasper Rubber Products, Inc. is the fourth largest employer in the county according to the 2008 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory. Jasper Rubber was established in 1949 and manufactures rubber mechanical, molded, extruded and lathe cut gaskets, as well as molded and extruded thermoplastic rubber. Jasper Rubber Products has maintained its employment levels over the last five years. In 2003 Jasper Rubber hired 869. In 2008 employees working at Jasper Rubber Products totaled 850.

Office Furniture Systems, Inc. (OFS) was established in 1933 and manufactures wood office furniture. OFS is planning an \$83 million dollar expansion and the hiring of 300 new employees in Huntingburg. According to the 2008 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory, OFS currently employs 797.

ORANGE

Like the other counties in our region, Orange County's biggest industrial employer is in the manufacturing sector. The largest employer is in the wood or furniture industry. Orange County has four companies that have 100 or more employees.

Paoli, Inc., which was established in 1926, is Orange County's biggest employer in 2008, employing 690 people, up from 635 in 2003. Paoli, Inc. manufactures desks and upholstered furniture. Paoli, Inc. has for the most part been able to hold its employment over the last five years, even with the decline in the wood manufacturing industry. Some of this success is due to an Economic Development Administration project.

AHF Industries, Inc. manufactures blow molded plastic bottles and is a contract packaging service provider. This company was established in 1913, and has maintained its employment at 150 employees from 2003 to 2008.

JSI, Inc., established in 1971, manufactures wooden office furniture. JSI has 100 employees in 2008, down from 125 in 2003.

Mi-Lin Wood Products, manufactures wood dimension projects and has also maintained its employment level over the last five years at 100 employees.

Indiana Handle Co. (IHC) located in Paoli maintains 90 employees in 2008 down from 100 in 2003. IHC was established in 1932 and manufactures wood furniture turnings.

A major change to the economy in Orange County occurred in 2007 with the opening of the French Lick Casino. Two historic hotels were restored to their original grandeur at a cost of over \$382 million. The West Baden Springs Hotel is a National Historic Landmark. The Casino is operated by the Cook Group. Nearly, 1,500 employees are working at the hotels or Casino. The unemployment rate has declined as a result.

PERRY

Perry County's largest industrial employment is also in manufacturing. Perry County has five manufacturers that employ over 100 people. Unlike the other counties in the region, Perry County manufacturing industry is not heavily dependent on the wood or furniture industry.

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Perry County's largest employer is Waupaca Foundry, Inc. Recently established in 1997, it manufactures gray iron foundries, castings and parts. Waupaca's employment has increased from 800 in 2003 to 910 in 2008.

Perry County's second largest employer was established in 2001. ATTC Manufacturing Inc. manufactures plastic automotive parts and currently employs 254 employees.

Perry County's third largest employer is the Schwab Corp., which was established in 1964. The Schwab Corp. manufactures fireproof filing cabinets and safes. The Schwab Corp. had 70 employees in 2003 and increased to 130 employees in 2008.

Parker Hannifin Corp, was established in 1963. It manufacture liquid and gas filtration media and honeycomb lifter tubes and bags, microfiber depth filters and pleated cartridges. Parker Hannifin has increased its employment level over the last five years from 100 in 2003 to 120 in 2008.

Stewart Warner South Wind Corp established in 1987 employs 120 and manufactures heat exchanges, condensers and components.

PIKE

Twenty-six percent of Pike County's industry employment is in manufacturing. Pike County has four employers that have 75 or more employees, one is in the mining industry.

Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IP&L) is Pike County's largest employer. IP&L provides electric power generation services, and employs 225 employees.

Pike County Area Rehabilitation is the second largest employer in Pike County. It was established in 1976. Pike County Area Rehabilitation is a sheltered workshop for cardboard and metal recycling. Its employment level for 2008 is 90 up from 70 in 2003.

Solar Sources established in 1974 mines bituminous coal and hired 87 employees in 2008, up from 20 in 2003.

Four Star Fabricators, Inc. established in 1981 manufactures stainless, plate and structural steel fabricating. It has maintained its same employment in 2003 and 2008 at 75 employees.

Onrett Fabricators Inc. established in 1998, manufactures steel fabricated concrete reinforcing bars. It employs 57 employees.

Hoosier Energy Rural Electric provides electric power generation service and employs 43 employees.

Kindill Mining, Inc. was established in 1972, and mines underground bituminous coal. Kindill Mining in 2008 has 42 employees.

SPENCER

Like the other five counties in the region, Spencer County's biggest industrial employer is in the manufacturing sector. Over twenty-eight percent of Spencer County's labor force is employed in the manufacturing sector.

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Spencer County's biggest employer is Kimball International - Heritage Hills Division. The Heritage Hills plant was established in 1983 and in 2008 it employs 500 people. Kimball International - Heritage Hills, manufactures wooden and laminated television cabinets, speaker enclosures and stands. Kimball, since 2003, has maintained its employees at this plant.

AK Steel Corp., is one of Spencer County's newest companies, which was established in 1999. AK Steel manufactures hot rolled flat steel. AK Steel Corp employs 428 employees according to the 2008 Harris Indiana Industrial Directory, up from 325 in 2003.

Spencer Industries, Inc. was established in 1971. It manufactures thermoformed plastic parts, TV, exercise, and appliance parts. Spencer Industries hires 425 employees in 2008, the same as in 2003.

Abbey Press is one of Spencer County's oldest employers. Abbey Press was established in 1867. It is a printing and direct marketing service. The Abbey Press employs 425 employees.

Foertsch Construction established 1960 currently employs 180 people, up from 80 in 2003. Foertsch Construction is an excavating contractor who mines coal, as well as highway construction, bridges, and tunnel construction.

Thermwood Corp. established in 1969 employs 150 employees, up from 100 in 2003. Thermwood manufactures drilling, cutting, grinding and polishing robots manufactures space vehicle equipment and manufactures wood working machinery.